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July 29, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW, Room CY-B402
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Application of SBC, Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunication Act of 1996 for Authorization to Provide In-Region, InterLATA Services in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin, WC Docket No. 03-167

Dear Secretary Dortch,

I am writing to express my support for SBC and to encourage the Federal Communication Commission to approve SBC's application to provide long distance service in Wisconsin and in its other Midwest service territories.

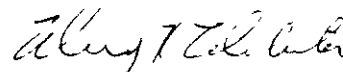
More competition in the long distance is necessary for consumers and businesses who deserve choices, lower prices and better services that SBC's entrance in the market will bring. Now that the market for local service is open to competition, it is time for full competition in Wisconsin in both the local and long distance markets.

There is a sense of revival in the telecommunications industry, which has spiraled downward, with lack of investment, loss of one trillion dollars and over 500,000 jobs. In many ways, the possibility of industry viability rests with companies like SBC that make investment. But only movement into new markets and business growth opportunities can facilitate investment and jobs. SBC's entrance in the long distance market provides those opportunities. I hope the commission will look at the viability that SBC brings to the telecom industry as a whole.

I believe SBC has met all of its obligations to their competitive customers and the Wisconsin Public Service Commission by proving that their networks are open. SBC is a large contributor to the local and state economy as an employer, taxpayer and a telecommunications service provider.

The consumers and the economy in Wisconsin deserve the opportunity for SBC to provide long distance service. I am hopeful that the commission will look at the fruit that SBC bears and vote in favor of SBC's application.

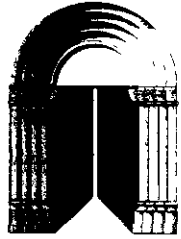
Sincerely,



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